Abstract of the Disclosure

Initial processing of used and manufacturing scrap asphalt shingle material includes (i) shredding the shingle material into pieces of a predetermined maximum size, (ii) separating the shredded material into (a) fine material and (b) coarse course-material, and (iii) forwarding the fine and coarse course-material to different finishing processes. The fine material comprises the smaller sized pieces of shredded shingle material and loose aggregate dislodged from the larger sized pieces during the shredding process. The coarse course-material comprises the larger flakes from the shredding process. The fine material is forwarded for finish processing such as into shaped products that adapted to take advantage of the high aggregate content therein. The flakes are forward to finish processing such as into ground cover and/or crosion control products to take advantage of the larger size and low aggregate content.